

Hospitality Committee Meeting

July 23, 2026 @ 6:30pm Verona

Attendees: Erin R., Sarah I., Laura C., Ronda B., and Courtney C.

Meeting Notes:

Meeting commenced at 6:34 pm

1. Welcome to all attendees and to new members Erin R. & Jan F.
2. Purpose-
 - a. Fall planning
 - b. Fall events
3. Current Upcoming Events-
 - a. Lutheran World Relief School Kits
 - i. Sunday, August 30th all three services
 - ii. Materials for kit preparation set up in assembly line at both campuses
 - iii. Bins labeled and ready for completed kits
 - b. Church School Kick Off= Madison and Verona
 - i. Sunday, September 13th
 - ii. Breakfast provisions at Madison with Holy Cow
 - iii. Lunch & Dinner provisions at Verona 10:00am & 6:00pm of brats & hot dogs.
 - c. Seasoned Grace=creating community around the table
 - i. Saturday, September 19th @ 9:00 am Verona campus
 - ii. Continental breakfast provided by hospitality committee
 - iii. Sharing favorite Fall recipes to create or consume
 - iv. Focus on Christ's ministry on gathering around a meal
 - d. Boxcar Loading=quilts for LWR
 - i. Event takes place on Saturday, September 12th @ Madison Campus
 - ii. Quilters will be gathering and we will assist as need to help prepare packaging of quilts for the boxcar
 - iii. Loading of truck will occur at Madison campus for the first time this year inside entrance parking lot. Hospitality will assist as needed.
 - e. Pastor Ben's Installation
 - i. Tuesday, September 15th at Madison from 7-9 pm
 - ii. Celebratory preparations will be made by committee
 - iii. Cake will be ordered and necessary eating utensils will be stocked and ready for this special event

- f. Labyrinth Walk=prayer in motion
 - i. Tuesday, September 22nd on the day of Equinox sunset
 - ii. Providing materials and brief introduction to contemplative prayer through movement
 - iii. Lumières around the path for visual aid and enhance the contemplative aura
- g. Women's Retreat= Pine Lake
 - i. October 9-11th
 - ii. Ronda will continue to communicate with Pine Lake to obtain firm and final plans
 - iii. Sarah will create a "soft" program and plan that will allow for organic conversations & natural evolving of pursuits for spiritual enrichment
- h. Thanksgiving Pie Gathering
 - i. Hosted on the eve of Thanksgiving, November 25th in Peterson Hall at Madison campus following service around 7:30 pm
 - ii. Pies will be requested by parishioners as donations and Hospitality Committee will supplement pies if needed
 - iii. Committee will set up and decorate Peterson with Harvest theme décor & have serving utensils out along with prepared drinks
- 4. Future Upcoming Events-
 - a. Advent by Candlelight
 - i. Hosted by Hospitality at Verona campus on Thursday, December 3rd @ 6:30pm. Speaker TBD
 - b. Crockpot Workshop=preparing ready-made meals
 - i. Erin R. will head up this event
 - ii. Time and date to be determined, but aiming for January
 - iii. Food prep and packaging with occur in Verona kitchen
 - iv. Meals will be used for those in need, or may be purchased by those that choose to come and assist with making meals
 - c. Seasoned by Grace =2nd session
 - i. Hosted mid April on Saturday morning @ 9:00 am Verona campus
 - ii. Theme will be determined in the next couple of months
- 5. Ministries in Motion
 - a. Bread baking

- i. Announcements have been made multiple weeks to invite anyone in the congregation or community to make sweet breads for church to present to new members or those who may be homebound due to illness or injury
 - ii. Many members have inquired lately about this ministry and have committed to making multiple mini loaves
 - b. The Little Hearts Project
 - i. Buckets remain at both campuses in easily accessible places
 - ii. Hearts & message continue to be taken at a steady rate
 - iii. Committee plans to partner with the GSL knitters to learn how to create the hearts, so we can have an abundant number ready for refilling buckets
 - c. Little Happies
 - i. Hospitality remains focused on passing out thank you gifts or gifts of encouragement for those in need
 - ii. Continued intentions to keep a supply of these “happies” ready to hand out at any given time will be done by Ronda & Courtney
 - d. Bingo=community welcome event
 - i. Hospitality will continue to host this outreach event once a month at Verona campus in the lobby
 - ii. Event will be in partnership with the Holy Cow ministry
 - iii. Continue to find fun & engaging ways to host, invite & expand this community event
 - e. Keeping the Connection
 - i. Hospitality continues to partner with Inreach to assist with the planning and preparation of packets for college students
- 6. Proposed Plans for Future Opportunities-
 - a. Parental Care for CYF parents
 - i. Provide a space for parents to interact and build community while their children are participating in confirmation classes
 - ii. Offer this group at least once a month
 - iii. Prepared presentations, speakers, videos or book studies would be offered for this program
 - b. Engagement with Elders in collaboration with Spiritual Development Ministry
 - i. Creating intention and interactive opportunities with our aging population at both campuses

- ii. Finding creative and encouraging ways to offer activities, programs or small group gatherings to foster closer community via conversations and perhaps over a meal
- 7. Closing thoughts shared and next meeting will take place in two months. Date and time TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm